

Taking the 'Christian' Out of Y.M.C.A.

Two incidents in the last few weeks cause us to wonder when the Young Men's Christian Association is either going to change its name or live up to it.

Last week, a group of eight young airmen, three of them Negroes, were denied a night's lodging at Kansas City's downtown YMCA. This week, M. A. Olabisi Ajala, young African student who is attending school in this country to learn about our democracy, not only was refused a room at the Topeka YMCA but was thrown in jail when he objected, perhaps somewhat vociferously, to the denial of what he considered an ordinary human request.

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How can the YMCA call itself a Christian organization when it refuses to extend the hand of brotherhood and fellowship to a travel-weary stranger in search of a place to get a night's sleep? How can it pretend to the boys and young men who come under its guidance that it is in earnest about Christianity when it slaps in jail a man who did nothing more than ask for a bed for the night?

An employe of the Topeka YMCA evidently could not square the practices of the Christian organization with his own conscience, for after turning down the African student he sent him \$5 with which to buy food. He was ashamed of the policies he was forced to carry out. We don't blame him.

The entire YMCA organization should be ashamed. The Kansas City Y told the group of airmen, who wanted to stay together, that the white service men could stay there but the Negroes would have to go elsewhere. All eight of them walked out and went to a Negro YMCA branch where they all found clean, comfortable quarters.

How much longer is it going to take before the YMCA becomes truly Christian? The time has long since passed when the Y should re-examine its policies in the light of present-day trends. One of the young airmen, from the South, said that the Y certainly did not demonstrate the kind of democracy that he thought he was fighting for. Our young men of today, white and Negro, are far ahead of the YMCA which is

supposed to instill in them the principles of Christianity, brotherhood and democracy.

How can the leaders of the YMCA look themselves or each other in the face after the Ajala and the airmen incidents? How can they continue to send YMCA workers to "dark" Africa to teach the natives about Christianity when they treat an African visitor to this country as Ajala was treated? A good word about America from Ajala would mean more than a thousand missionaries.

The YMCA should be ashamed!

FORMER OKLAHOMA TEACHER RETURNS TO AMERICA AFTER 5 YEARS OF YMCA WORK IN INDIA

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Lawrence Burr Back in Chicago But Wife Flies Home to Visit Relatives in Idabel

MAKES REMARKABLE RECORD IN MADRAS

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It was not until Burr had brought the organization at Madras up to such a high point that there were more members in his single branch than there were in all the rest of India, that they relaxed and repose complete confidence in him.

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Mrs. Burr accompanied her husband but did not tarry in Chicago. She flew on to Oklahoma. The Burrs have a year's leave as a result of their five year's ser-

NEW YMCA BUILDING HERE ASSURED AS \$150,000 FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN IS BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL CLOSE

Workers Jam College Park Club House For Victory Dinner

The YMCA Building Fund Drive, which has surpassed its goal of \$150,000, brought to a close this week, assures the early erection of a modern building for the Farish Street Branch YMCA.

The last report meeting was held Monday night at the College Park Club House with workers occupying all available space to witness the conclusion of the greatest building campaign ever to be launched in the state. Dr. B. B. Dansby, president of the Committee of Management, presiding. Community singing was led by Mr. Charles Wilson and Mrs. G. B. Chambers. The invocation was given by O. C. Statham, executive secretary of the Branch. Mrs. Matilda Wilson, Chief Hostess, presented a box of candy to the Hostess of the High Attendance Division Eight, Miss Mildred Vaughn, and the emblems to the Quota-busters for the previous night's report.

Division VI received the "Bacon" and Chairman Bank's shirt for being the High Division. Team No. 27, of which Miss Lessye Mae Larry is captain, received the "Sole" of Honor for the High Team, and Division VIII, Mr. Walter J. Stewart, captain, kept the flag for having High Attendance. Dr. G. A. Price was crowned King of the Campaign and Miss Lessye Mae Larry reigned as Queen of the Campaign for having the leading division and team, respectively.

Quota-busters for the night were: Messrs. A. R. Hicks, Perry Sanders, C. F. Groudup, Miller Mosley, Jr., E. L. Brown, James O. Harrion, N. Jackson, F. L. Hunter, Charlie Veal, J. H. Young and James Rundles. Going over from Quota-busters to First Citizens were: Messrs. Willie Lindsey, Roosevelt Robinson, and Fulton Porter.

We had a great Victory Dinner and a wonderful report. The Farish St. Section is over the top and with the final report of the Central Section, we should go over the goal that was set at \$150,000.

Chairman, stated that, "we have worked very hard in this campaign. The work has been good for us all, because we have grown both spiritually and materially. Otis C. Statham expressed his thanks for the great work done by citizens of Jackson and said, "The success of community work of the Y. M. C. A. in recent years has been such as to challenge wide-spread interest. Therefore, tonight I want to thank everyone for their wonderful work through this campaign. You have done a good job of which the whole of Jackson is proud."

Campaign Director, Lester M. Ellis, said that "it was the team work of every bloomin' soul! We feel it was an honor and a pleasure to work with you."

Thank you all again for your devotion and hard work.

The Farish Street Section under E. W. Banks has reported \$59,678.20 on their quota of \$50,000. This is 119% of quota. Approximately \$2,000,000 has come in since the report meeting. Mr. E. J. Craig, general chairman of the campaign urged that all citizens who have not had a part, make their contributions; stating that any additional funds will be used to the best possible advantage in the service of negro youth through this building project. Excellent work was done by the entire organization. Those units exceeding their quota were:

Team 26—Mannie Lewis, Sr., Team 27—Miss Lessye Mae Larry, Team 28—Edward Lee, Jr., Team 32—Earnest Day, Team 36—Roosevelt Robinson, Team 38—Fred Banks, Team 40—O'Neal Hudson, Division VI—Dr. G. A. Price, Division VIII—Walter J. Stewart, Special Gifts—Dr. J. L. Reddix and E. W. Banks.

Dr. Dansby, in his words of appreciation, stated that a "deep sense of gratitude goes out to the entire ciitizenry of Jackson for their full and complete support given the Farish St. Branch "Y" in this unprecedented campaign. This joint effort of inter-racial cooperation represents the greatest feat in the history of Jackson."

Neal Barfield, General Secretary of the Central "Y" say, "congratulations, on a great job well done". The teams chairman, A. L. Rice, said, "we are truly grateful to the workers in the Y. M. C. A. drive and to the public for the generous response in helping us to make this drive a success." The Section Chairman, E. W. Banks, says "This has been a grand campaign. Every single worker deserves much credit for the gratifying results that were posted on the scoreboard each report meeting night. As your Section Chairman, I am proud of you and want to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you'".

Dr. J. L. Reddix, Special Gifts

Southern Area Council Of YMCA Meets In Atlanta

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Southern Area Council of the National Council of the YMCA was held at the Luckie Street YMCA in Atlanta, Georgia, March 28-29, 1952. Over 300 delegates from eight southern states - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia attended the council meeting as representatives of more than 130 YMCA's in these states. The Southern Area Council of the YMCA represents the cooperative work of all the YMCA's in the eight mentioned southern states. Annual meetings are held each year to evaluate the work of the past year and to lay out a program of work for the ensuing year.

Negroes played a significant part in this year's council meeting. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays led the worship service on Saturday morning and had charge of the closing session. Negroes who were elected to significant positions were T. M. Alexander, Atlanta, elected to serve on the National Board of the YMCA; Robert H. Smith, Chattanooga, Tenn.; S. Randall, Birmingham, Ala. elected to serve on the Southern Area Board of the YMCA, and Dr. Mays, Atlanta, elected vice-president important committees during the council meeting.

The fifty-three Negro delegates who attended the meeting are as follows:

NAME	CITY
Rufus B. DeWitt	Montgomery, Ala.
Dr. James L. Bass	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Lloyd A. Lee	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Jesse W. Word	Jacksonville, Fla.
Reverend H. E. S. Reeves	Miami, Fla.
Dean Mohr	
Leonard Summers	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Calvin Adams	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Carrell N. Williams	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Dr. R. O. Johnson	Atlanta, Ga.
F. W. Thomas	Atlanta, Ga.
Benjamin E. Mays	Atlanta, Ga.
Gilbert A. Terry, Jr.	Augusta, Ga.
Dr. T. H. Brewer, Sr.	Columbus, Ga.
Gordon H. Kitchen	Columbus, Ga.
W. R. Bennett, Jr.	Columbus, Ga.
S. J. Brown	Savannah, Ga.
L. White Sr.	Savannah, Ga.
J. R. Jenkins	Savannah, Ga.
Perry	Lexington, Ky.
W. H. Goodwin Jr.	Lexington, Ky.
William S. Coleman	Louisville, Ky.

ERASING OF NEGRO 'Y' DEBT IN SIGHT

Three Members of Board

Give \$1000 Each

A windup drive among the Negro population to erase the last of a \$35,000 mortgage on the Negro Young Men's Christian Association building, 2222 Dryades, received new impetus Wednesday.

It came with announcement that three members of the Negro YMCA board—one of them a former New Orleans bootblack—have each contributed \$1000 to the campaign.

Their contributions, plus donations being massed daily by a hustling committee of 100 volunteer workers, virtually assure collection of the goal of \$16,500—the amount outstanding on the mortgage—by

Monday, reported W. H. Mitchell, general secretary.

This is provided local contributors follow through on the "fine start" made, he added.

In addition to the \$1000 contributions by the three New Orleanians, Mitchell said an anonymous New Orleans Negro physician practicing in a Northern city, has given \$1500 to the cause.

And committees of New Orleans Negroes residing in Washington, Chicago, and New York are canvassing other Louisiana Negroes now residents of those cities to help the drive along.

The board members whose contributions were announced Wednesday are C. C. Dejoie, publisher of the Louisiana Weekly; Dave Dengrave, Portsmouth, Va.; C. H. Harris, Portsmouth, Va.; Frank W. Render, Richmond, Va.; Earle W. Barker, Birmingham, Ala.; Augustus White, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.; N. S. Randall, Birmingham, Ala.

Said Holtry, who started his business on capital of \$5.50 after he gave up shining shoes:

"I know what it is to be underprivileged. I want to do all I can for others who need help and I believe the 'Y' is one way to do this. I am happy to support it to the limit."

The "Y" program helps young men to "stay on the right path," and inspires ambition in them, he added. Holtry is chairman of the executive committee of the drive and C. L. Speaker is general drive chairman.

James E. Gayle, president of the "Y" board of directors, said that by lifting the mortgage on its building, the Negro "Y" will be able to concentrate more on its program.

It is a program "that is centered on the idea of character building for the youth of our city," he continued. "Particularly are we interested in the juvenile situation we have in New

Orleans—that is the problem of narcotics and dope," he said.

The Negro "Y" now has a membership of about 1800, Mitchell said,

and annually operates on a budget of about \$65,000. It is 90 per cent self-supporting but in part supported by the Community Chest, he added.

"Y" personnel are on duty at the center 24 hours daily, he said. Facilities include a gymnasium, 100 bedrooms, a cafeteria, lounge, and office space. It has 40 juvenile clubs in 28 public schools of the city.

Dr. Hackney To Be Honored At Dinner Tonight

dat. 3-29-52

The A. T. Walden Chapter National Emblem Club of the Butler Street YMCA and citizens from all walks of life throughout the community will honor Dr. R. C. Hackney, noted physician tonight at the "Y" at 7 P. M. Man of the Year. He received this honor for outstanding contributions to the Health Services of the Butler St. YMCA. The Morehouse and Meharry graduate will receive one of the highest citations possible in the "Y" movement.

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The principal speaker for this occasion will be "Chief" J. A. Kennedy, noted Health and Physical relaxation expert. "Chief" Kennedy is expected to point out the value of the Steam Room which Dr. Hackney raised funds for single handedly and the other pieces of equipment and facilities now available in the "Y".

Music will be furnished by the Clark College Ensemble under the direction of Miss Ollie Brown and by Harry Roberts, Jr., Baritone of the East Point High School. Words of welcome will be made by E. S. D'Antignac, vice president of the Emblem Club and Hubert Jackson, chairman of the Physical and Health Committee will introduce the speaker.

Trubute to Dr. Hackney will be paid by T. M. Alexander, chairman of the YMCA Board of Managers and a classmate of Dr. Hackney's. Dr. John T. Gill, chairman of the Health Services Committee will present Dr. Hackney the citation. Remarks will be made by W. A. Holmes, Acting Executive Secretary of the "Y" and announcements will be made by C. T. Per-



DR. RICHARD HACKNEY

kins, assistant acting executive secretary of the 'Y.' The Reverend J. E. Garnett, co-chaplain of the Emblem Club will pronounce the invocation and the Reverend B. B. Bickers, a member of the 'Y' Sponsors Committee will give the dedicatory prayer. E. W. H. "Chief" Aiken will provide

All members of the YMCA and friends of Dr. Hackney's and citizens generally are urged to call the YMCA immediately to make reservations. A written invitation is not necessary to attend this tribute to one of Atlanta's most outstanding citizens.

MRS. CAROLINE BURKS TAKES CENTRAL YMCA TO TASK AFTER JIM CROW REGULATION IS MADE

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**Writes Letter to Monnet When Ruling Bars
Negroes From Cafeteria Service**

SAYS BOARD'S ACTION REGARDING NEGROES IS UNCHRISTIAN

In a blistering letter, written to Attorney Claud Monnet, general chairman of the Oklahoma City YMCA, Mrs. Caroline Burks, retired school teacher, and one of the most liberal white women in the Southwest, Monday took the YMCA executive to task because of the recent ruling made by the Central YMCA denying Negroes I quote from your release: "The cafeteria service in the new struc-board approued a rule denying

Oklahoma City Negroes use of the grill but allowing its statement to the press the interacial groups to hold "Y" board suggested the integrated eating facilities in Oklahoma are unlawful. Mrs. Burks in her building." Just now consistent is very caustic letter says to Chair-denying Negroes to eat in the man Monnet there is no statutory grill and allowing interacial provisions in Oklahoma prohibiting groups to hold meetings in other parts of the building? Why do

There follows the exact text you allow "the lousy, dirty blacks" of the letter written to Monnet to put their feet on the threshold by Mrs. Burks:

2325 West Lawn Place
Oklahoma City 12, Okla.
May 19, 1952

Attorney Claude Monnet
General Chairman of the YMCA
Board of Directors, and Members
YMCA Building 125 N. W. 2nd St. Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Atty. Monnet and members of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A.:

When I read of the YMCA while in building and later of its beautiful appointments in bed-unschooled as to our laws. Shame rooms and lobby I had a feeling on you! And if it were a law, of pride for my city and for the which it is not, it is time for people who call themselves Christians who made this possible. Then the thought came to me tians to break it or abolish it. what about the spirit of brother- I protest in the name of de-had and good-will toward all mocracy and Christianity the use men that would permeate that of the name of Christ in the name building. You have answered that of the building at 125 N. W. 2nd question for me in your release street. A substitute for the name to the Oklahoma City Times of May 13, 1952, of which I wish to comment.

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Sincerely yours,
Caroline E. M. Burks,
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HAVE YOU JOINED THE NAACP?

NEW YORK, CHICAGO, WASHINGTON COOPERATING IN YMCA DRIVE HERE



Shown here are the active committees in other cities, working in behalf of the Dryades Street YMCA Finance-Membership Campaign. (1) NEW YORK COMMITTEE, left to right: Peter Robertson, owner of the famous "Pete's Creole Restaurant;" H. Murlin Hayes, an accountant, son of the late Dean R. B. Hayes, last dean of New Orleans University; Charles J. Royal, founder of the Louisiana

Club in New York, and Leon Earles, owner of a group of cleaning and dyeing establishments. (2) CHICAGO COMMITTEE, left to right, seated: Mrs. Selma Barbour, Mrs. Zella Cole Williams, corresponding secretary; Dr. William H. Wethers, chairman; Mrs. Alice Dungey Ottley, secretary; Mrs. Marguerite Robinson, and Mrs. Eloise Washington. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Helen Lewis, Mr. Thomas

S trotter, co-chairman; Mrs. Marie Moss Ermon, Mr. Willard Payne, treasurer, and Edmund J. Harris, physical director of Dryades Street YMCA, now on leave to study in Chicago. (3) WASHINGTON, D. C., COMMITTEE: Graduates of Dryades Street YMCA's famous YMCA School of Commerce make up the Washington Committee. In the group, Mrs. Undine D. Wilson, Miss Lois Vinette, Mrs. Esther Cooper

Williams, Miss Augustine Johnson, Miss Elvera M. Barnes, Mrs. Cecelia Eugere Washington, Mrs. Claire Colly Ashe, Miss Edith Ferdinand, Miss Dolores Ruffin, Miss Eunice Lewis, Miss Bernadette L. Rogers, Miss Audrey A. Rogers, Miss Marion A. Smith, Mr. James Cook, Mrs. Wesley Chapman, Mr. Earl J. Lawrence, Mr. William Boskent and Mr. Edward Richard.



Dr. Hackney Gets *Miss. Launches Drive* *52* YMCA Top Award *Deeply dear P. 13* For \$150,000 YMCA

BY ROBERT E. JOHNSON

Atlanta Daily World Staff Writer

An Atlanta medical doctor who found time to render a valuable service to a community agency that serves the city's 50,900 Negro male population and the general public was paid a glowing tribute Saturday night at the Butler Street YMCA.

He is Dr. Richard C. Hackney, physician and surgeon, who was presented a sterling silver medallion and proclaimed 'Y' Man of the Year "for his support financially and as a campaign worker in YMCA drives over a period of ten years and for single-handedly raising funds for the equipment of a modern steam room."

The tributary event, sponsored by the A. T. Walden chapter National Emblem Club, also marked the dedication of the Y Health Service Steam Room. *A 8*

The health room dedicatory address was made by "Chief" J. A. Kennedy, assistant physical director of Luckie Street YMCA, and former U. S. Navy chief petty officer. *Sat. 4-5-32*

"Chief" Kennedy, nationally famous authority on "relaxation" featured recently in Life and Time magazine articles, set the tempo of the occasion with a challenge:

"It is important to be honored for a service well done, but it is more important to inspire others to serve." *Amenka*

"It is important that each individual work in ~~your~~ own little world doing something for his fellowman. The world is full of sorrow and pain; the world is looking for some one who cares, so look around in your little worlds and help others."

"Chief" Kennedy emphasized the need for more Christian action and "not mere lip-service Christianity." He said there is no room for racism in Christianity and asserted that there are "no back seats on the front lines in Korea."

The health expert was introduced by Hubert Jackson, chairman of the YMCA physical and health committee.

W. H. "Chief" Aiken presided at the program. Other participants were: Rev. J. E. Garnett, Clark College Men's Ensemble directed by Miss Ollie Brown, F. S. D'Antignac, W. A. Holmes, C. T. Perkins, Theodore Hall, T. M. Alexander, Dr. Richard C. Hackney, Harry Roberts, Drs. E. F. McLendon and John T. Gill, J. R. Henderson, C.

JACKSON, Miss.—Negro and white citizens of Jackson met at College Park center here last week to launch a joint campaign to raise \$150,000 to build a new Negro YMCA on N. Parish st.

General chairman of the drive is E. J. Craig, head of the local Chrysler firm. E. W. Banks, director of a local undertaking establishment, is chairman of the Negro division.

A large crowd heard J. R. Buck, executive secretary of the Jackson street Branch YMCA in Vicksburg urge the workers to give materially and of their time to the building fund campaign.

Other program highlights presided over by Banks were: National Anthem and Salute to the Flag, Charles Wilson; Invocation Dr. B. B. Dansby and Introduction of speaker, Prof. I. S. Sanders.

At the College Park meeting campaign instructions were given and workers kits and other materials were provided by General chairman Craig and Neal Barfield, Central "Y" executives.

Oklahoma Governor To Address Hi-Y Model Legislative

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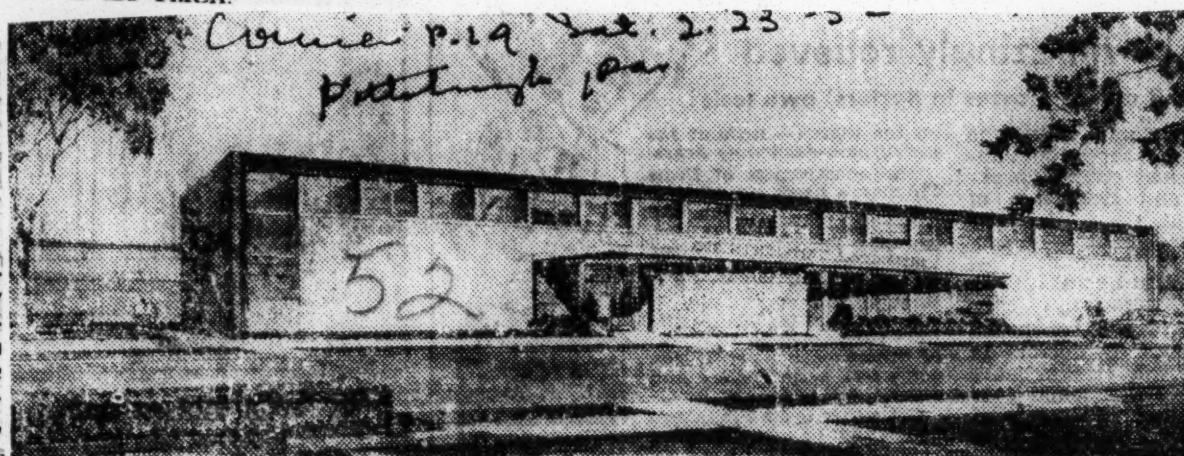
Governor Murray will deliver the opening address January 25 at the joint session of the house and senate in the Hi-Y model legislature. The governor and Mrs. Murray Hixson, Associate Secretary of the Southwest Area Council YMCA, also will be honored guests at the legislative banquet January 26. In the pre-legislative conference is the director.

Donald Simmons, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Simmons of Muskogee, was elected to this office. Donald is a senior at Manual Training High school, was a delegate from the Southwest Area to the National Hi-Y Congress last year and was heralded by leading personalities for the speech he delivered, "The Building Of A Christian Philosophy." He is a member of the National High School Honor Society. Other officers: Lt. Governor-Mike Wilkerson, Lawton; President -Mark Dorff, Oklahoma City; Speaker of House, Glenn Fowler, Oklahoma City; Secretary of State-Frances Wright, Tulsa; Secretary of Senate- Katherine Cowan, Shawnee; Senate Reading Clerk - Don Holmes, Oklahoma City; Senate Sgt-at-Arms - Isabella Jones, Lawton; Senate Chaplain Don Davis, Sapulpa; House Reading Clerk John Price, Tulsa; House Sgt-at-Arms - Verlas Fuller, Oklahoma City; House Chaplain Fred Pike, Shawnee. *Douglas*

This is the first year for the Youth and Government Program in Oklahoma and it is important. 16 per cent of the total delegates to the pre-legislative conference was Negro. Simmons won 59 of the total of 108 votes. The white votes determined the election. Qualifications were of paramount importance. These youth and others believe in American government and all it stands for. They are the most important weapons we have in our battle against the communist ambition to destroy freedom.

These youngsters will be voters in a few years. They are learning in the model YMCA legislature the American political system by making it work for themselves.

The Youth and Government Program is under the auspices of the Southwest Area Council of the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association. Forme: governor of Oklahoma, Roy J. Turner, is general chairman of the Oklahoma Youth and Government project. Dr. John W. Railey, President of Oklahoma Baptist University, will give the closing address.



NEW STRUCTURE-Thousands visited this new structure which cost \$430,000 and finishing \$90,000. It is the most modern Negro YMCA in the country. Meredith Mathews is executive secretary.

Callier Discusses Highlights Of YMCA Conference

Highlights of the Southern Conference of the YMCA which was held at Atlanta University and Clark College were discussed by Thurston Callier Jr., in a talk at Daniel Payne College.

He represented the Student Christian Association of Payne College, which he is vice-president. He is president of the Daniel Payne College NAACP Youth Chapter.

Mr. Callier was the only delegate in attendance from a college in Alabama serving Negro students. The SCA at Payne has as its sors Mrs. Lula Alexander and Alexander Sheppard. Miss Alene Turner, is general chairman of the Oklahoma Youth and Government.

White, Negro Leaders Join Hands In Raising \$150,000 For Farish Street YMCA

A joint effort of white and Negro leaders to raise funds for the new Farish street branch of the Jackson YMCA begins here the latter part of April. The goal is \$150,000. *4-14-52*

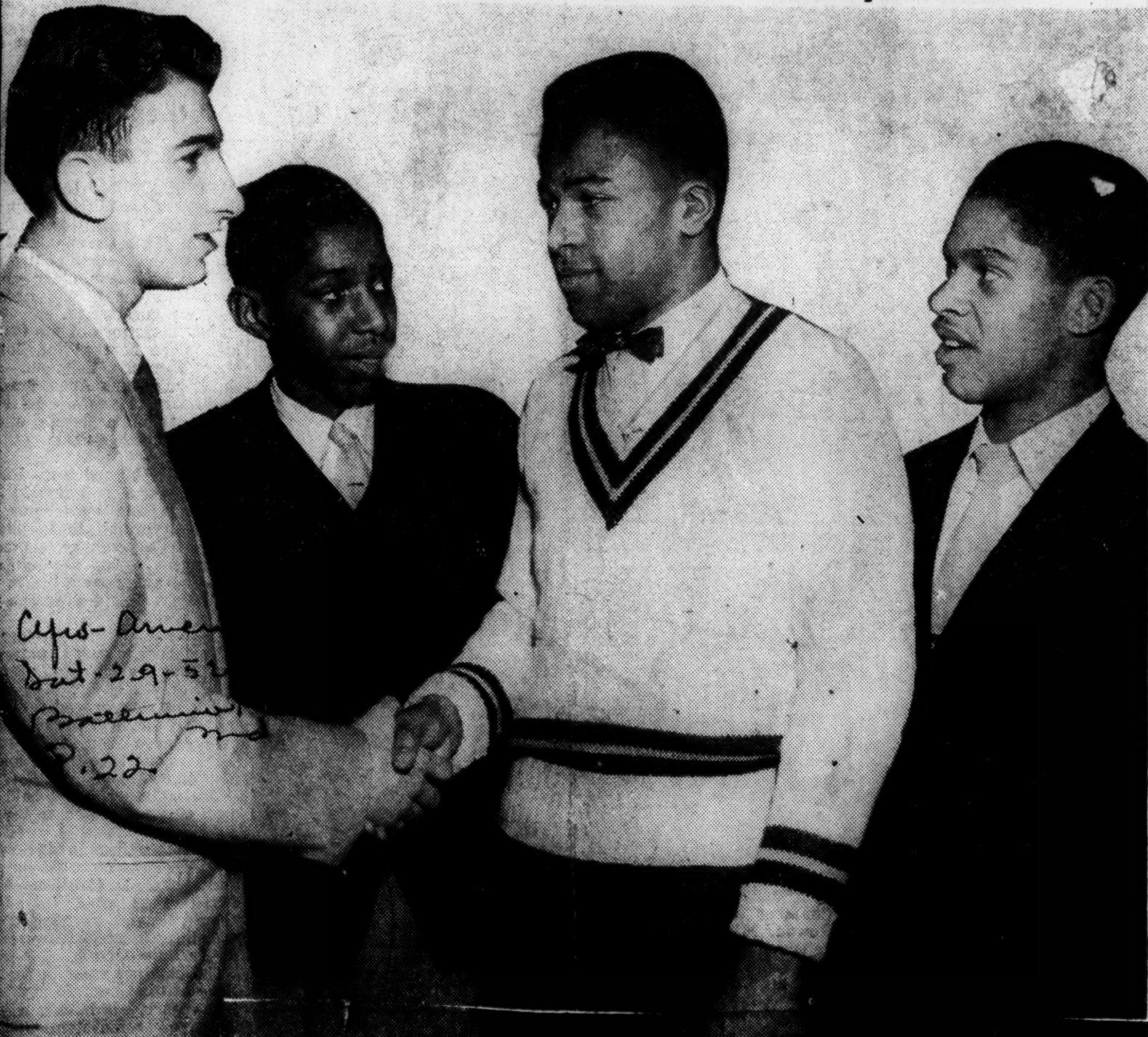
General chairman of the campaign is E. J. Jerry Craig. W. thought, and careful planning on the part of leaders of both Farish street central association section and E. branch and Jackson central YMCA W. Banks, Negro businessman is it has been decided to give the former chairman of the Farish street ward-looking people of our city the opportunity to make a generous in-

In his announcement of the drive, vestment in youth and the future, Craig said, "We are sure you will agree with us that in keeping with

citizens, organized in two sections, will begin working to raise a building fund. Pledges will be made so that each contributor will find it possible to give more than he or she could in one cash payment. These pledges may be made on a five-payment basis covering two income tax periods. This is a once in a generation Capitol Fund Campaign—an investment in youth—a challenge to our ability and generosity.

"We have faith that the public-spirited and generous citizens of Jackson, both white and Negro, will provide this fund so that our Negro youth, for many years to come, will profit by a modern and adequate Farish street branch YMCA."

He Will Rule As Governor Of Pennsylvania



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Mason Hendricks, 1739 W
Columbia Ave., second from
right, a member of the Colum-
bia Community YMCA, in Phila-
delphia is being congratulated
by Philip Valente, 1410 Cas-
Ave., a Central YMCA member
after his election as "Governor"
for the YMCA Hi-Y Youth
and Gover

Conference

in

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March 15, 16.

Carleton Baft-

4336 Reon St.

and Gordon Inman, 944 N. 50th

St., both of Parkside YMCA,

attended the

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town last Saturday. Hendricks

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Southern YMCA Secretaries To Attend Dinner

Several Secretaries and Laymen
from YMCA's through the South-
ern Area are in Atlanta over
the weekend for their Annual Con-

ference. They are scheduled to have
a dinner at the Butler St. YMCA
today at 1 p. m., to discuss Inter-
Association Cooperation and prob-
lems affecting YMCAs serving mi-
nority groups.

C. T. Perkins, acting assistant
executive secretary of the Butler
St. YMCA, preside over the
dinner. Words of welcome will be
given by W. A. Holmes, Acting
Executive Secretary of the Butler
Street YMCA. A statement will also
be made by Charles Sherman,

Associate Southern Area Secretary.

GORDON TO MAKE REMARKS

William Gordon, Managing Editor
of the Atlanta Daily World will
make remarks to the group. Mr.
Gordon is the Chairman of the
Publicity Committee of the Butler
Street YMCA.

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Other affairs for the secretaries
and laymen include regular sessions
of the conference being held at the
Luckie St. YMCA; a reception
given by Dr. R. O. Johnson, a
member of the Board at Butler St.
and a delegate to the conference
and the Emblem Club dinner at the
Y on Saturday evening.

Southern Area Council Of YMCA Meets In Atlanta

The thirteenth annual meeting of
the Southern Area Council of the
National Council of the YMCA was
held at the Luckie Street YMCA in
Atlanta, Georgia, March 28-29,
1952. Over 300 delegates from eight
southern states - Alabama, Florida,
Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mis-
sissippi, Tennessee and Virginia -
attended the council meeting as re-
presentatives of more than 130
YMCA's in these states. The

Southern Area Council of the
YMCA represents the cooperative
work of all the YMCA's in the
eight mentioned southern states.
Annual meetings are held each year
to evaluate the work of the past
year and to lay out a program of
work for the ensuing year.

Negroes played a significant part
in this year's council meeting. Dr.
Benjamin E. Mays led the worship
service on Saturday morning and
had charge of the closing session.
Negroes who were elected to signifi-
cant positions were T. M. Alex-
ander, Atlanta, elected to serve on
the National Board of the YMCA;
Robert H. Smith, Chattanooga,
elected to serve on the Southern
Area Board of the YMCA, and Dr.
Mays, Atlanta, elected vice-presi-
dent important committees during
the council meeting.

The fifty-three Negro delegates
who attended the meeting are as
follows:

NAME	CITY
Rufus B. DeWitt	Montgomery, Ala.
Dr. James L. Bass	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Lloyd A. Lee	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Jesse W. Word	Jacksonville, Fla.
Reverend H. E. Jackson	Baltimore, Md.
Albert D. Dinkins	Knoxville, Tenn.
C. M. Roulhac	Memphis, Tenn.
E. P. Nabors	Memphis, Tenn.
W. Lawrence Jones	Danville, Va.
N. T. Williams	Danville, Va.
J. L. Mitchell	Dr. Lyman
Thomas B. Har- rison	Birmingham, Ala.
Leonard Sum- mers	Birmingham, Ala.
Claude W. Blackmon	Birmingham, Ala.
Carrel N. Williams	Birmingham, Ala.
Thomas B. Har- rison	Birmingham, Ala.
Dr. R. O. Johnson	Atlanta, Ga.
F. W. Thomas	Atlanta, Ga.
Dr. Benjamin E. Mays	Atlanta, Ga.
Gilbert A. Terry, Jr.	Augusta, Ga.
Dr. T. H. Brewer, Sr.	Columbus, Ga.
Gordon H. Kitchen	Columbus, Ga.
W. R. Bennett, Jr.	Columbus, Ga.
S. J. Brown	Savannah, Ga.
L. White Sr.	Savannah, Ga.
J. R. Jenkins	Savannah, Ga.
Moses L. Perry	Lexington, Ky.
W. H. Goodwin Jr.	Lexington, Ky.
William S. Coleman	Louisville, Ky.
Houston A. Baker	Louisville, Ky.
M. McKay Bonner	Louisville, Ky.